THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c) The work of new line from Jakhapura to Banspani was sanctioned in 1974-75. After opening up Jakhpura-Daitari section in 1981 the anticipated traffic of iron ore from Daitari mines did not materialise. Consequently, and also due to severe constraint of resources, construction of balance portion from Daitari to Banspani was deleted from the Works Programme.

A proposal has been received through Ministry of Surface Transport (MOST) and Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation Ltd (MMTC) in connection with development of Paradip Port for export of iron ore. Construction of Daitari-Banspani railway line (143 km) at a cost of Rs 175 00 crores is included in the proposal However, whereas the Railways will be in a position to make the necessary arrangements for construction of the rail link keeping pace with the progress of the above project, it will be necessary for M.M T.C. to provide funds for the railway line as a part of the total project Accordingly, they have been asked to provide an amount of Rs. 175.00 crores (exclusive of escalation cost for this work).

Further action regarding construction of Daitari-Banspani rail link can be taken if and when MOST and MMTC finalise the funding of the whole scheme.

Closure of Government of India Stationery Offices Calcutta and other places

1011. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that previous Government had recommended against the closure of Government of India Stationery offices, Calcutta and other places;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken a decision on the matter, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a representation dated 7th December, 1990 addressed to the Prime Minister by the Government of India Stationery office Mazdur Union, Calcutta has been received, and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN) (a) and (b) The matter is still under consideration of the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The matter is under consideration.

'Introduction of New Policy on Catering'

1012. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that a new policy on catering was introduced for inviting tender/auction of tea stalls on Railways,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the new catering policy is a departure from the accepted recommendations made by previous Parliamentary Committees appointed in 1955 and 1967 *viz* the Alagesan Committee and the Parimal Ghosh Committee;

(d) whether the new policy would be beneficial for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, Freedom Fighters, Widows and Ex-Servicemen; and

(e) whether Government propose to review the new catering policy and restore the old policy which guarantees social justice to weaker sections of the society?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) A policy decision has been taken that all catering/vending licences, excepting at small and roadside stations, will be allotted by calling tenders.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The old policy regarding award of catering/vending licences will continue to be followed at a very large number of stations where the order of preference for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, Freedom Fighters, Ex-Servicemen/War Widows will continue to apply.

Allotment of flats under Ambedkar Housing Scheme in Delhi

1013. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI. Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that applications were invited by the Delhi Development Authority for the allotment of MIG, LIG and Janata flats under the Ambedkar Housing Scheme for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, in 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including number of applications received by the Delhi Development Authority, and

(d) the number of applications considered and number of allotments made and number of applications pending consideration category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 32,900 persons applied as per details given below for registration under the Ambedkar Awas Yojana.—

Category	No. of applications
MIG	6,160
LIG	18,024
JANATA	8,716
TOTAL :	32,900

(c) Scrutiny of these applications was held up due to stay granted by the Court which has been vacated on 3-9-90 whereafter the process of scrutiny has started.

Application for setting up of Ammonia and Urea Project at Paradeep

1014. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether M/s. Century Spinning and Manufacturing Co. Limited of Birla Group have submitted an application to Government for issue of a letter of intent to establish 900 TPD ammonia and 1500 TPD urea project at Paradeep in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the clearance for early implementation of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH). (a) to (c) An application for issue of a Letter of Intent to M/s. Century Spinning and Manufacturing Company Limited for the setting up of a 900 TPD Ammonia and 1500 TPD Urea project at Paradeep in the State of Orissa has been received The Working Group on Fertilizers for the Eighth Plan constituted by the Planning Commission has not recommended setting up of any ammonia/urea project at Paradeep mainly on consideration of feed-stock availability and demand/supply position in the region. Orissa does not have feed-stock The proposal is under reference to the appropriate Committee.

Reinstatement of Loco running staff

1015. SHRI E. BALANANDAN. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representation dated the 18th September, 1990 from the General Secretary, All India Loco Running Staff Association, South Central Railway, Vijayawada, has been received demanding the reinstatement of loco running staff, who were removed from service, in terms of the judgement of the Central